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A VISION OF THE FUTURE FORCED CLINT BARTON, A.K.A. HAWKEYE, TO KILL HIS LONGTIME FRIEND AND ALLY, THE HULK.

HE WENT TO TRIAL AND WAS ACQUITTED OF ALL CHARGES. THE PUBLIC SEES HIM AS A SAVIOR. THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY SEES HIM AS A PARIAH.

BUT HOW DOES HE SEE HIMSELF?

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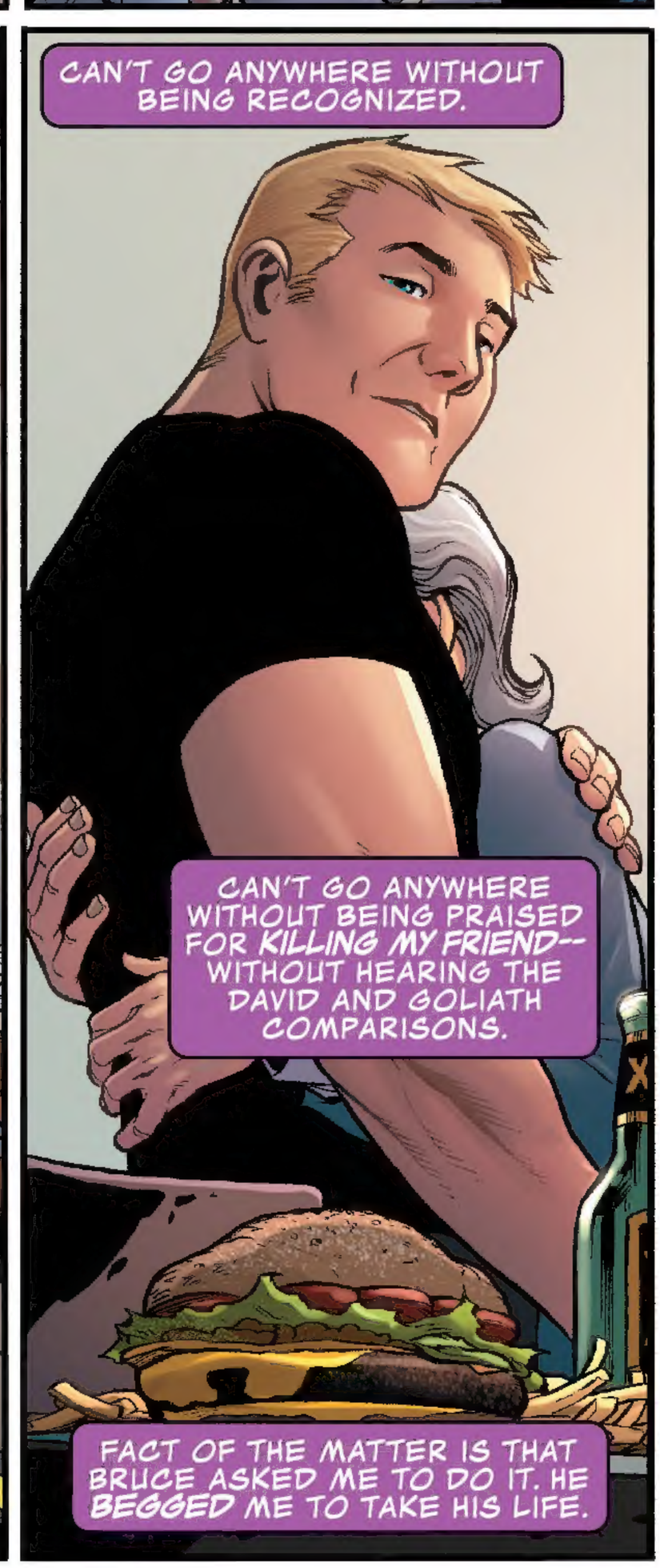
SANTA ROSA, NEW MEXICO.
THERE ARE SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH WEARING MASKS--YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW.
THEY MESS WITH YOUR PERIPHERAL VISION. THE FULL FACE MASKS ALWAYS SMELL LIKE YOUR BAD BREATH AT ITS WORST. AND NO MATTER WHAT--YOU LOOK KINDA RIDICULOUS.
Desert Rose
Steaks Live Music
STILL, I NEVER SHOULD'VE STOPPED WEARING A MASK...

...BECAUSE WITHOUT A MASK, EVERYONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.
...THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. BARTON. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO MEET A TRUE HERO.
THANKS.
THEY THINK THEY KNOW YOU...

...THINK THEY CAN SAY ANYTHING.
A FEW YEARS BACK, OUTSIDE TULSA, THE HULK WENT ON A RAMPAGE--DESTROYED MY BROTHER'S HOME, BROKE BOTH HIS LEGS. HE SPENT NEARLY A YEAR IN REHAB...
YOU DID A GOOD THING. THE WORLD IS BETTER WITHOUT THE HULK. SAFER. GOD BLESS YOU, MR. BARTON.

IT'S BEEN THIS WAY FOR... OH, HELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG. HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I KILLED BRUCE BANNER?
...YOU AREN'T LIKE THOSE OTHERS, RUNNING AROUND IN THEIR SILLY COSTUMES, SHOOTING LASER BEAMS OUT OF THEIR EYES OR TURNING INTO A GIANT BUG. NO, SIR...
SEEMS LIKE A LIFETIME.

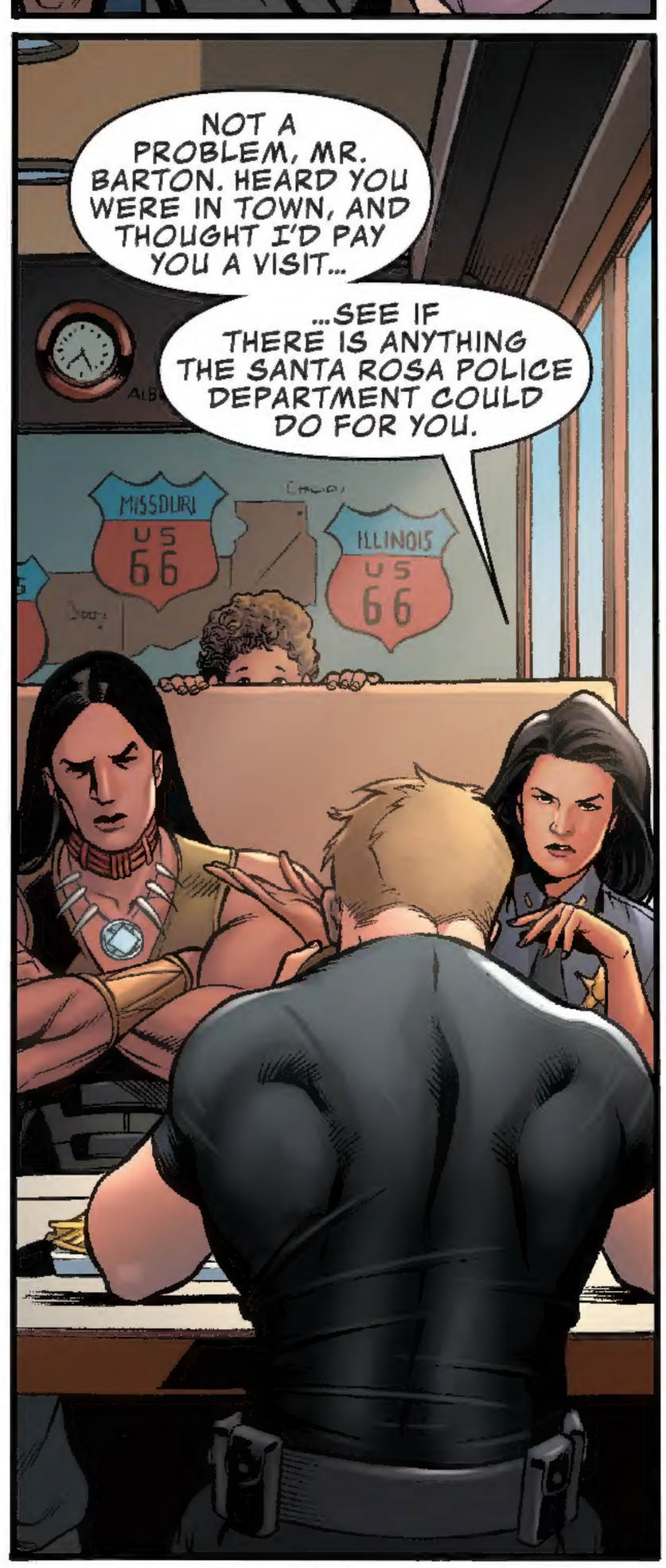

CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT BEING RECOGNIZED.
CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT BEING PRAISED FOR KILLING MY FRIEND-- WITHOUT HEARING THE DAVID AND GOLIATH COMPARISONS.
FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT BRUCE ASKED ME TO DO IT. HE BEGGED ME TO TAKE HIS LIFE.

I DON'T SEE HOW THAT MAKES ME A HERO.
SO CLINT BARTON IS A MEMBER OF THE AVENGERS?
DON'T BE IMPRESSED-- THE AVENGERS HAVE A LOW ENTRY THRESHOLD.
HE'S DRAWN AN IMPRESSIVE CROWD, SHERIFF.
YEAH, WELL, I ONCE STOOD IN LINE TO MEET THE BACKSTREET BOYS, WHICH PROVES... WELL...I DON'T KNOW.
LET'S JUST SEE WHAT HE'S DOING IN OUR TOWN, DEPUTY.

OKAY, EVERYONE, BREAK IT UP!
SHOW'S OVER. TIME TO GO HOME.

C'MON, RUDY-- GET A MOVE ON. GIVE THIS GUY A CHANCE TO EAT IN PEACE.
NO BUTS, RUDY.
BUT SHERIFF...

THANKS, SHERIFF...
THANK YOU BOTH.
ORTIZ. THIS IS MY DEPUTY, RED WOLF.


NOT A PROBLEM, MR. BARTON. HEARD YOU WERE IN TOWN, AND THOUGHT I'D PAY YOU A VISIT...
...SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THE SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT COULD DO FOR YOU.
MISSOURI
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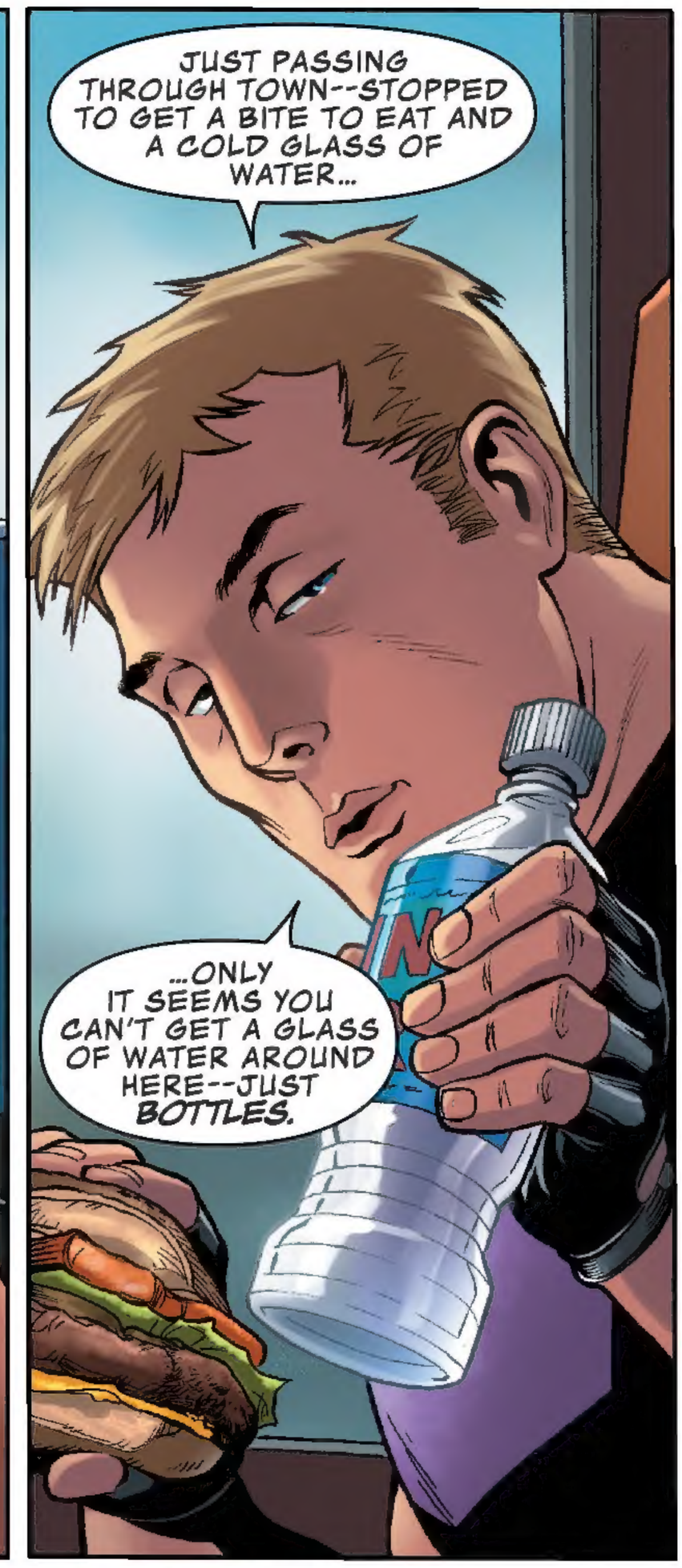
ILLINOIS
US 66

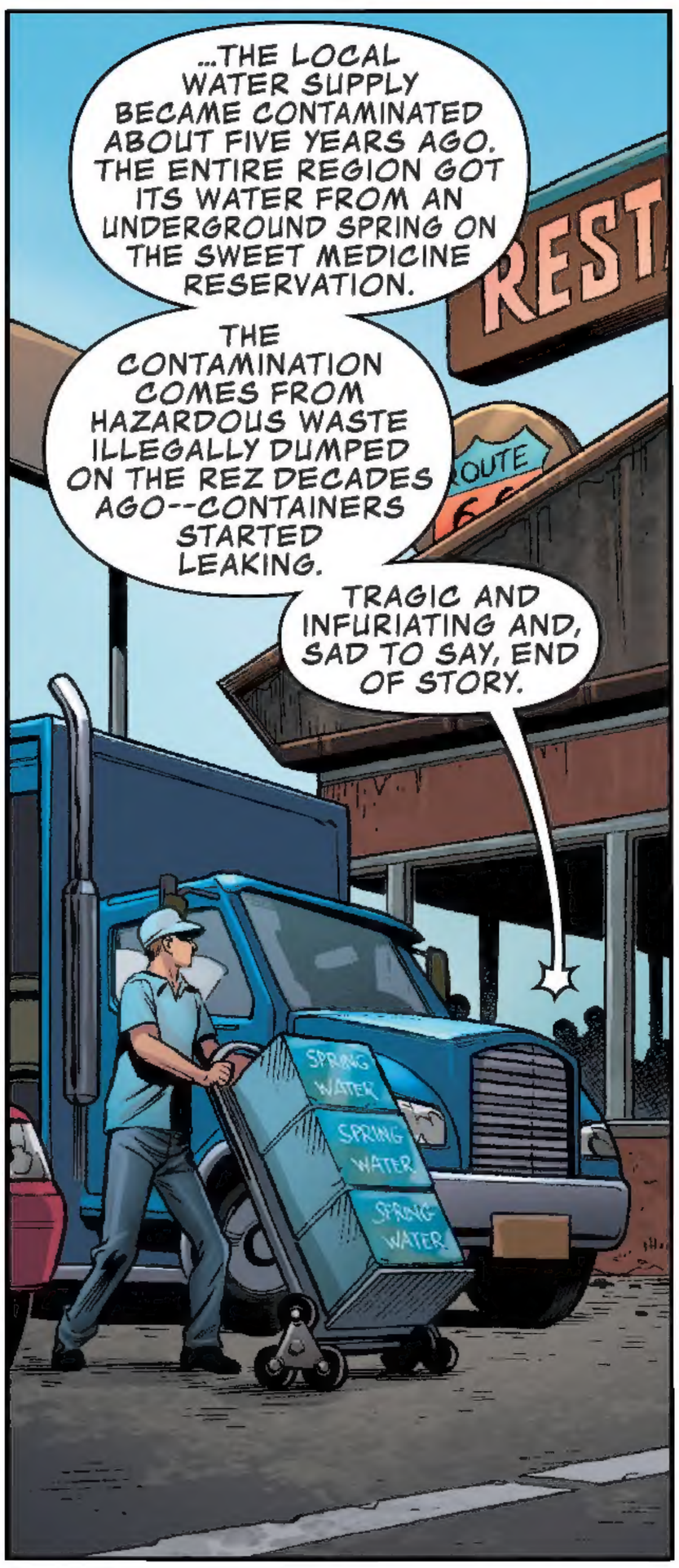
HEARD ABOUT WHAT YOU DID IN ILLINOIS AND KANSAS...
...AND COLORADO.
YOU HEARD ABOUT COLORADO?

THAT ONLY JUST HAPPENED TWO DAYS AGO...
...DIDN'T THINK IT MADE THE NEWS.
GUESS I NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION-- SET UP ONE OF THOSE GOOGLE ALERTS OR SOMETHING.

WORD OF CERTAIN THINGS HAS A WAY OF TRAVELING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CIRCLES.
I'M SURE IT'S THE SAME WAY WITH YOU SUPER HEROES--YOU TALK. COMPARE NOTES.
WHICH BRINGS US TO YOUR VISIT...


JUST PASSING THROUGH TOWN--STOPPED TO GET A BITE TO EAT AND A COLD GLASS OF WATER...
...ONLY IT SEEMS YOU CAN'T GET A GLASS OF WATER AROUND HERE--JUST BOTTLES.

YOU HAVE COME TO INVESTIGATE THE CONTAMINATED WATER?
HOLD ON, DEPUTY--I'M DOING THE TALKING.
MR. BARTON WAS JUST ABOUT TO TELL US WHY HE'S COME TO OUR FAIR TOWN.
I WAS?
HOW ABOUT I SAVE US ALL SOME TIME...


...THE LOCAL WATER SUPPLY BECAME CONTAMINATED ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. THE ENTIRE REGION GOT ITS WATER FROM AN UNDERGROUND SPRING ON THE SWEET MEDICINE RESERVATION.
THE CONTAMINATION COMES FROM HAZARDOUS WASTE ILLEGALLY DUMPED ON THE REZ DECADES AGO--CONTAINERS STARTED LEAKING.
TRAGIC AND INFURIATING AND, SAD TO SAY, END OF STORY.
SPRING WATER
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I JUST WANT TO LOOK AROUND--SEE IF I CAN HELP.
GRATEFUL DEAD
CHER
SPOKEN LIKE EVERY WELL-MEANING ACTIVIST THAT PASSES THROUGH TOWN.
HERE'S THE DEAL: YOU WANT TO GO OUT TO THE REZ AND LOOK AROUND...

"...DEPUTY RED WOLF GOES WITH YOU. GRANNY FIREHEART AND HER GRANDSONS DON'T TAKE TOO KINDLY TO STRANGERS OUT THERE."
OH, MY GOD...
GOD IS BUSY. SHE HAS FORGOTTEN SWEET MEDICINE.

THE SWEET MEDICINE INDIAN RESERVATION.
THIS PLACE...
...IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS IN AMERICA.
LIKE MANY AMERICANS, YOU ARE BLINDED BY IDEALISM, OR WILLFUL IGNORANCE.
I PREFER "IDEALISTICALLY MISINFORMED." THAT HAS LESS STING TO IT.
LOOK, DEPUTY RED WOLF, I DON'T WANT TO SOUND LIKE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY CAN SOLVE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS...
ENTERING
SWEET MEDICINE
INDIAN RESERVATION
NO HUNTING WITHOUT TRIBAL PERMITS
...BUT THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO HELP THIS COMMUNITY.
BEFORE THE SUPPLY BECAME CONTAMINATED, THE TRIBE EARNED MONEY BY PROVIDING WATER TO THE SURROUNDING REGION.
NOW THEY MUST BUY THEIR WATER IN BOTTLES.
HEY! CAN WE HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING, DEPUTY RED WOLF?
GREETINGS, GRANNY FIREHEART. I HAVE BROUGHT A COMPANION-- HE WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE RESERVATION.
HEY. HELLO.
GRANNY WANTS TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE.
ARE YOU SOME KIND OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST...
YOUNG & CRAZY
...OR A BLEEDING-HEART ENVIRONMENTALIST COME TO SAVE--
HEY!
I KNOW WHO THIS GUY IS! HE'S AN AVENGER!
C'MON, FRANK! YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE HAWKEYE?!
HE SHOOTS ARROWS AND HE USED TO WEAR A PURPLE MASK AND HE KILLED THE HULK!
THIS GUY? HE KILLED THE HULK?
ONE SHOT.
SO, WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, MR. AVENGER?

I... UH...I HEARD ABOUT THE WATER--ABOUT THE CONTAMINATION.
I WANTED TO SEE FOR MYSELF.
OH, YOU WANTED TO SEE FOR YOURSELF...
WELCOME TO THE SWEET MEDICINE INDIAN RESERVATION, WHERE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE POPULATION LIVES BELOW THE POVERTY LINE, AND THE WATER HAS BEEN POISONED.
WANNA SEE ANYTHING ELSE?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHY ARE PEOPLE STILL LIVING HERE?
DOES IT LOOK LIKE WE HAVE THE MONEY TO GO ANYWHERE?
WE DIDN'T CHOOSE TO LIVE LIKE THIS, BUT WE FIGHT TO SURVIVE.
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
I JUST...IT'S JUST...
...SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE.
I RECOGNIZE THE DEPUTY FROM TOWN-- HE'S BEEN SNOOPIN' AROUND. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO THE OTHER GUY IS.
NEITHER DO I...
...BUT HE'S GOT THAT ANNOYING DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS OR GREENPEACE LOOK ABOUT HIM.
WE'LL FOLLOW HIM, MR. BECKAR. HE STARTS SNOOPING TOO MUCH--DIGGING TOO DEEP--WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.
TRY NOT TO KILL HIM...

NINE HOURS LATER...

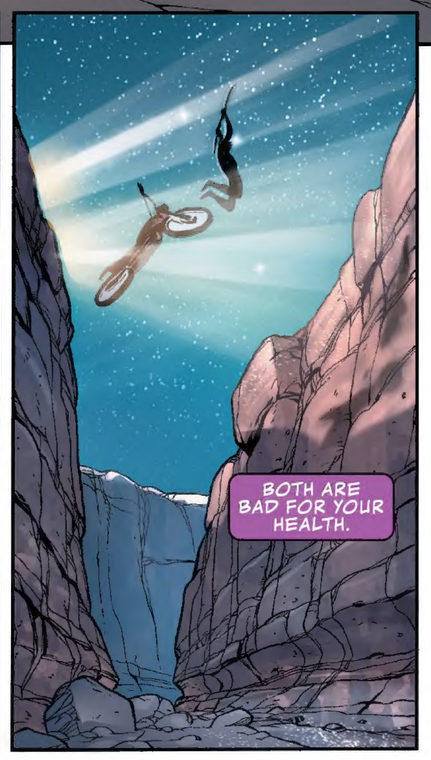
THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF BAD GUYS WITH MACHINE GUNS.

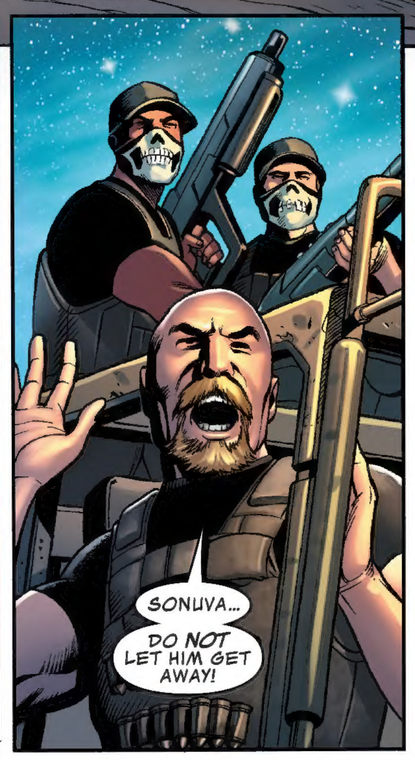
THE FIRST HAVE REALLY GOOD AIM, AND THEY KILL YOU. END OF STORY.

THE SECOND HAVE REALLY BAD AIM, AND YOU GET AWAY. THROW A PARTY AFTERWARDS.

AND THEN THERE'S THE THIRD...

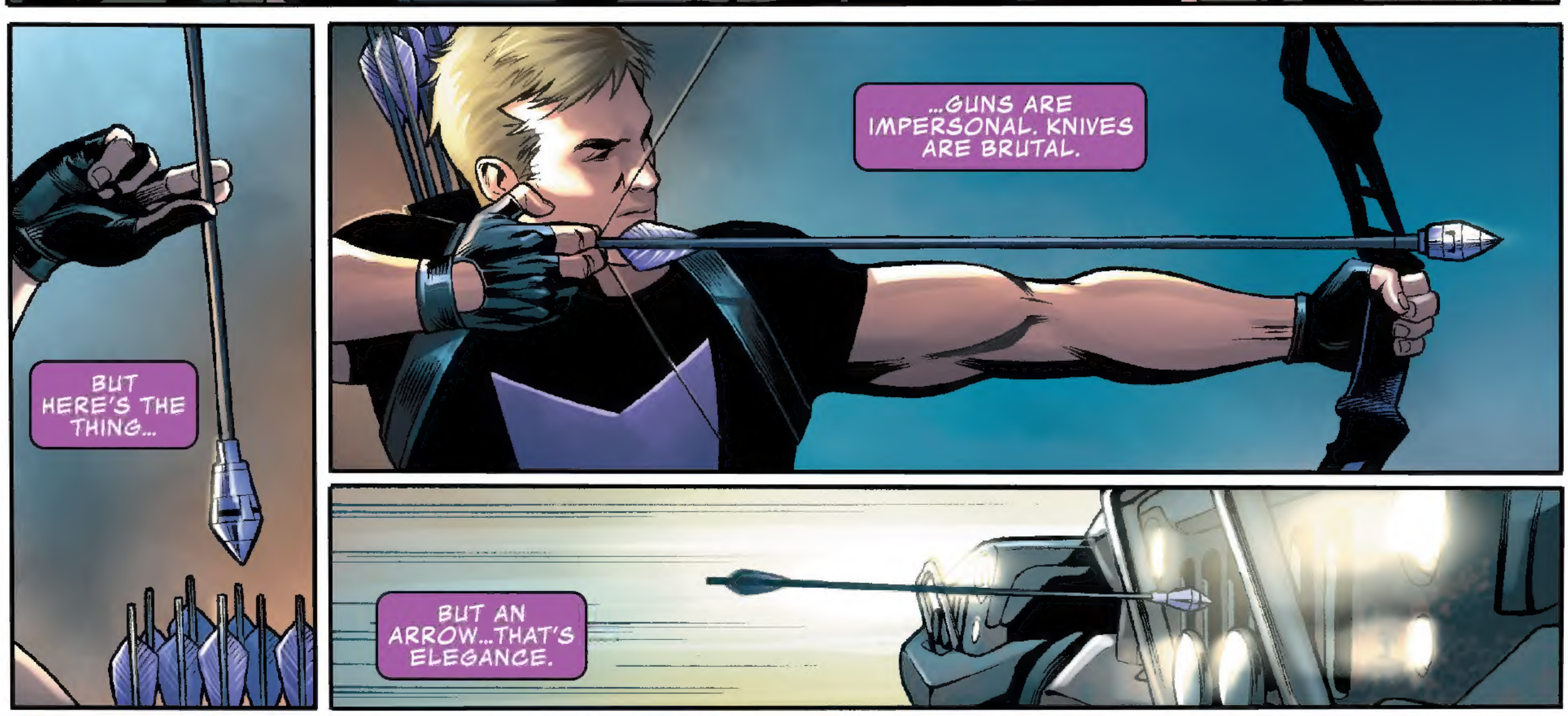
...THEY'RE DELIBERATELY MISSING YOU, BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT YOU DEAD.

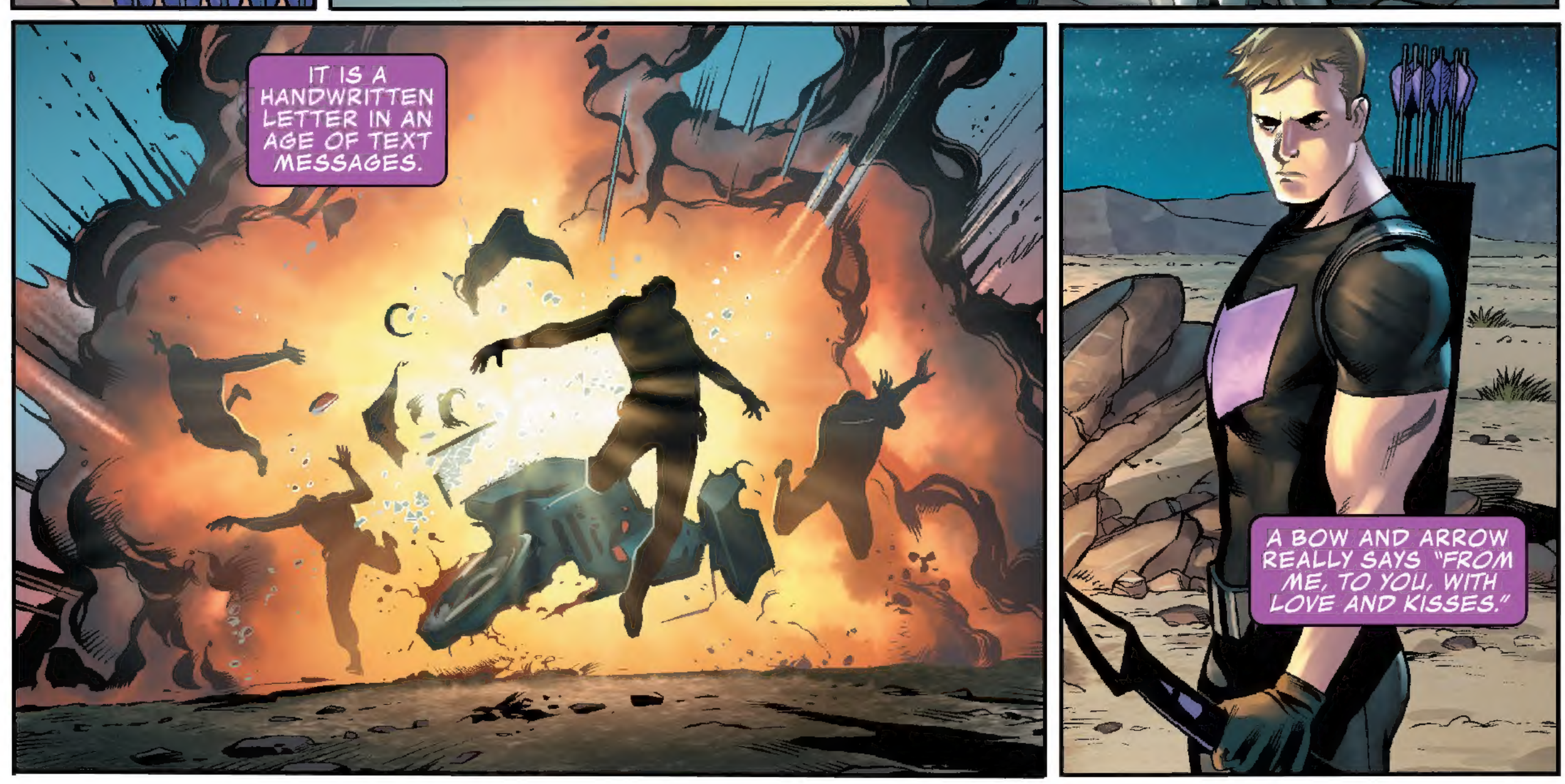




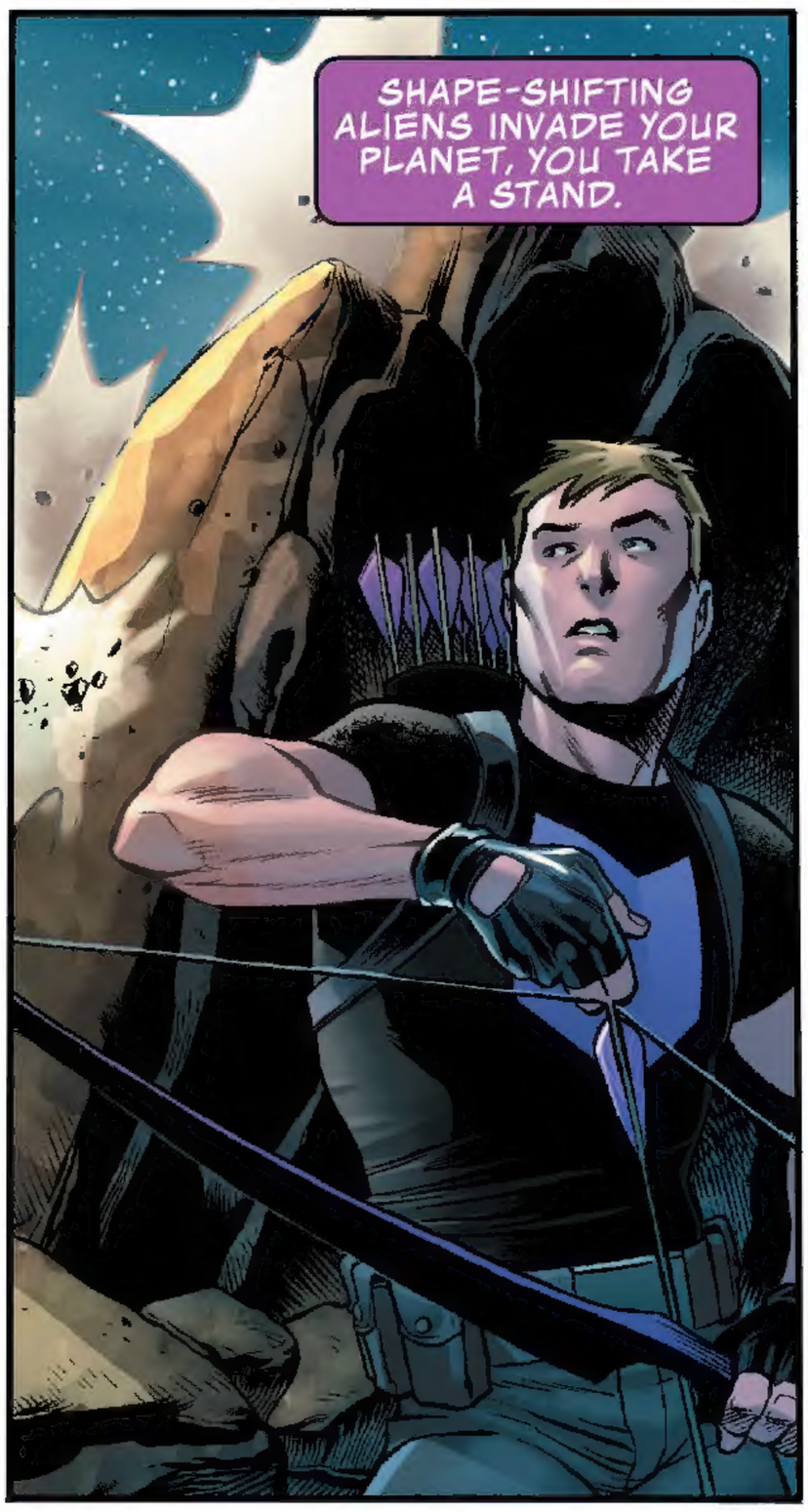
DON'T THINK FOR A SECOND THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT ME...

...I'M THE GUY WHO BRINGS A BOW AND ARROW TO A GUN FIGHT.


BUT HERE'S THE THING...
...GUNS ARE IMPERSONAL. KNIVES ARE BRUTAL.
BUT AN ARROW...THAT'S ELEGANCE.


IT IS A HANDWRITTEN LETTER IN AN AGE OF TEXT MESSAGES.
A BOW AND ARROW REALLY SAYS "FROM ME, TO YOU, WITH LOVE AND KISSES."

SOMEBODY MOVE THAT OTHER JEEP BEFORE HE BLOWS IT UP!
WHEN A COSMIC ENTITY THREATENS TO DESTROY THE WORLD, YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.


SHAPE-SHIFTING ALIENS INVADE YOUR PLANET, YOU TAKE A STAND.

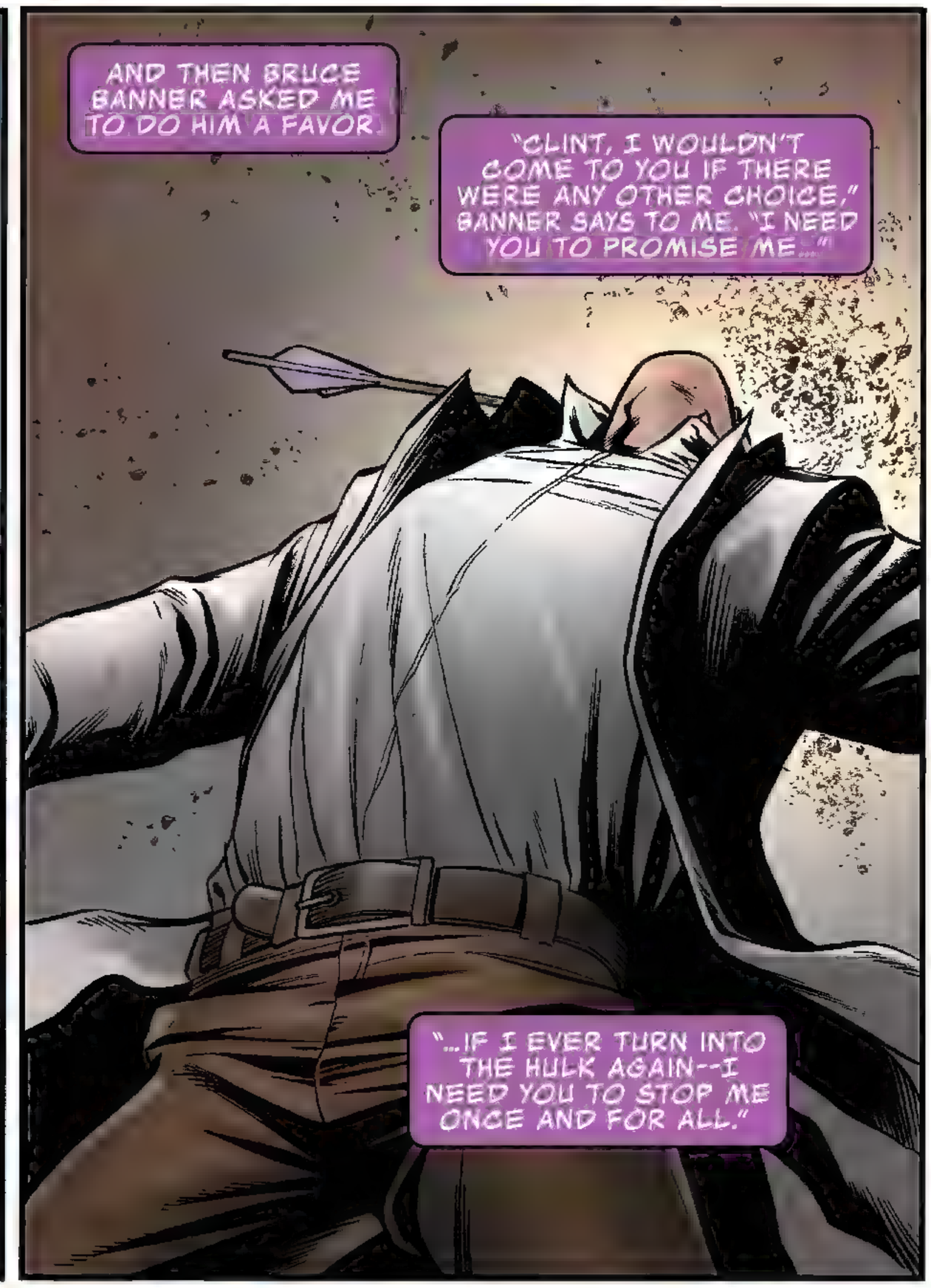
BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE WATER SUPPLY OF A TOWN IS CONTAMINATED?

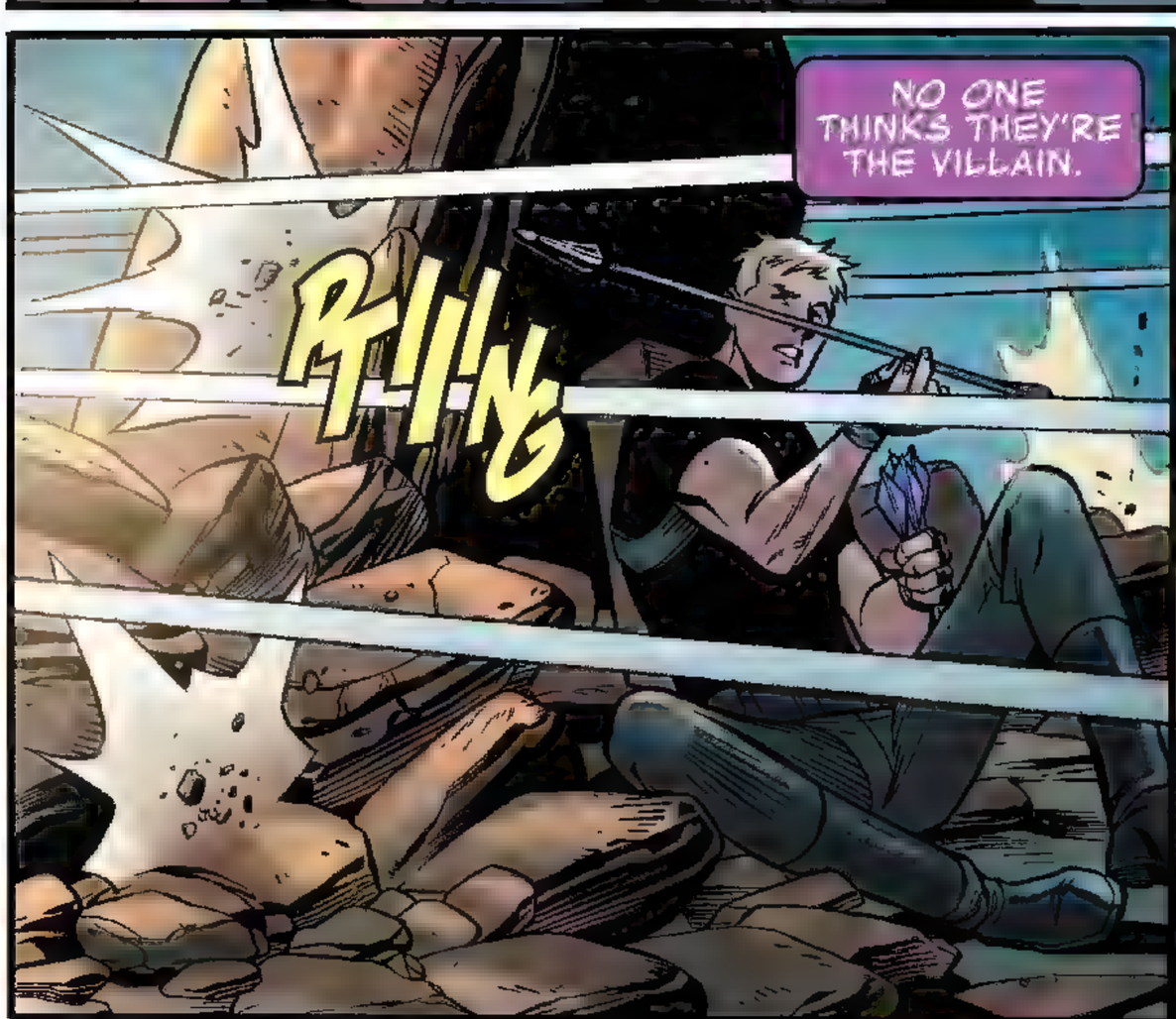
WHEN THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR AND THE POWERLESS ARE IGNORED BECAUSE... WELL...THEY'RE POOR AND POWERLESS...


...HOW DO YOU FIGHT THAT?
THANOS? HE'S FORMIDABLE.
BUT HE'S NOT A CONTAMINATED WATER SUPPLY.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M DOING ANYMORE.

LIFE WAS NEVER SIMPLE...
...BUT IT WAS NEVER THIS COMPLICATED.


AND THEN BRUCE BANNER ASKED ME TO DO HIM A FAVOR.
"CLINT, I WOULDN'T COME TO YOU IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER CHOICE," BANNER SAYS TO ME. "I NEED YOU TO PROMISE ME..."
"...IF I EVER TURN INTO THE HULK AGAIN--I NEED YOU TO STOP ME ONCE AND FOR ALL."


NO ONE THINKS THEY'RE THE VILLAIN.
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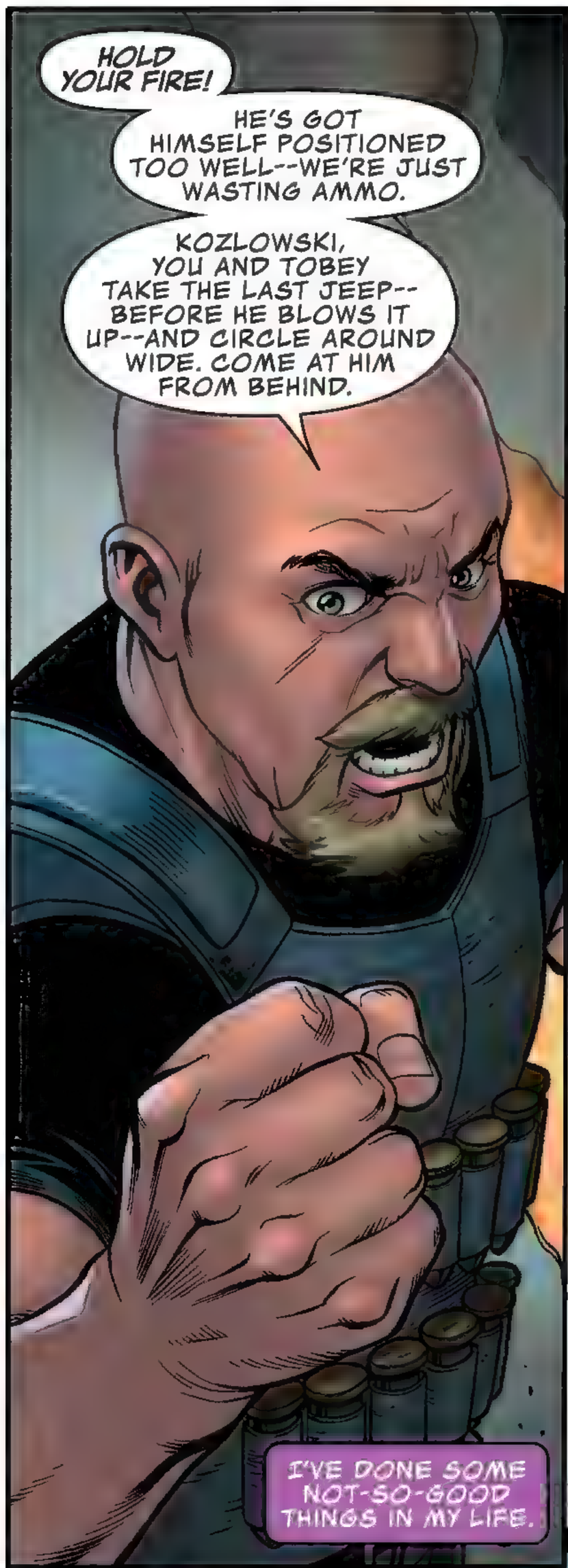
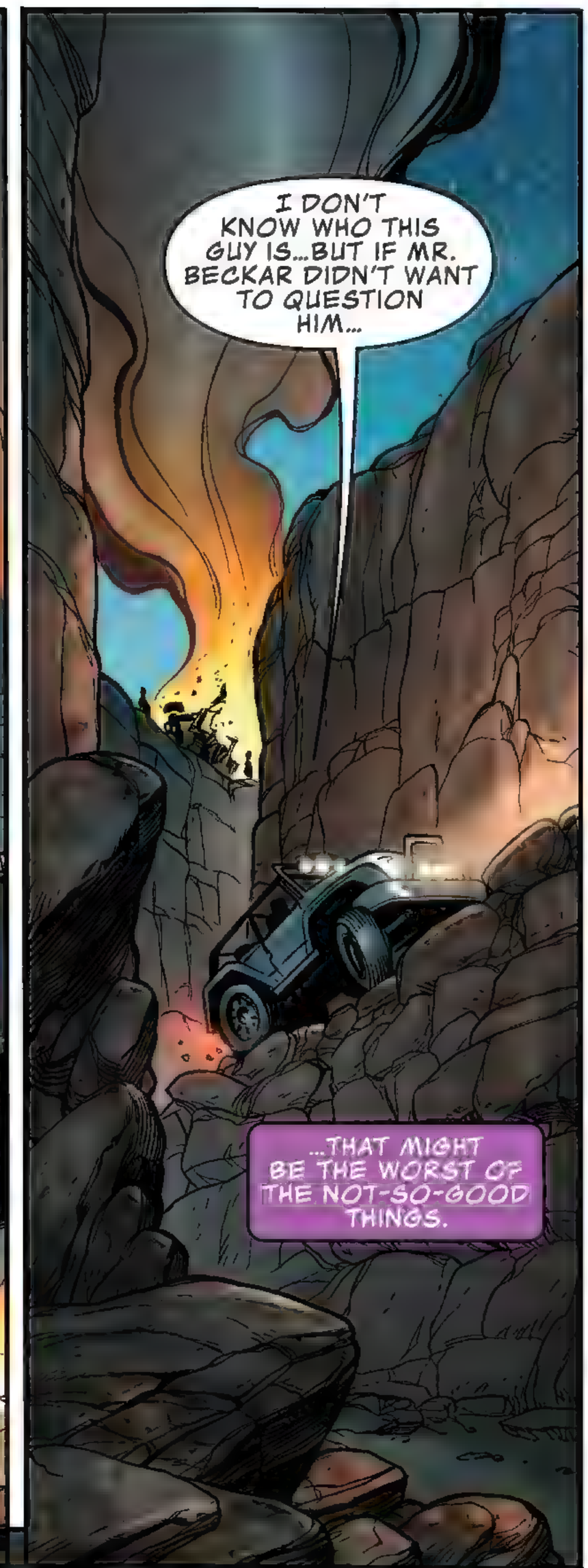
BUT HELL, NOT EVERYONE GETS TO BE THE HERO.

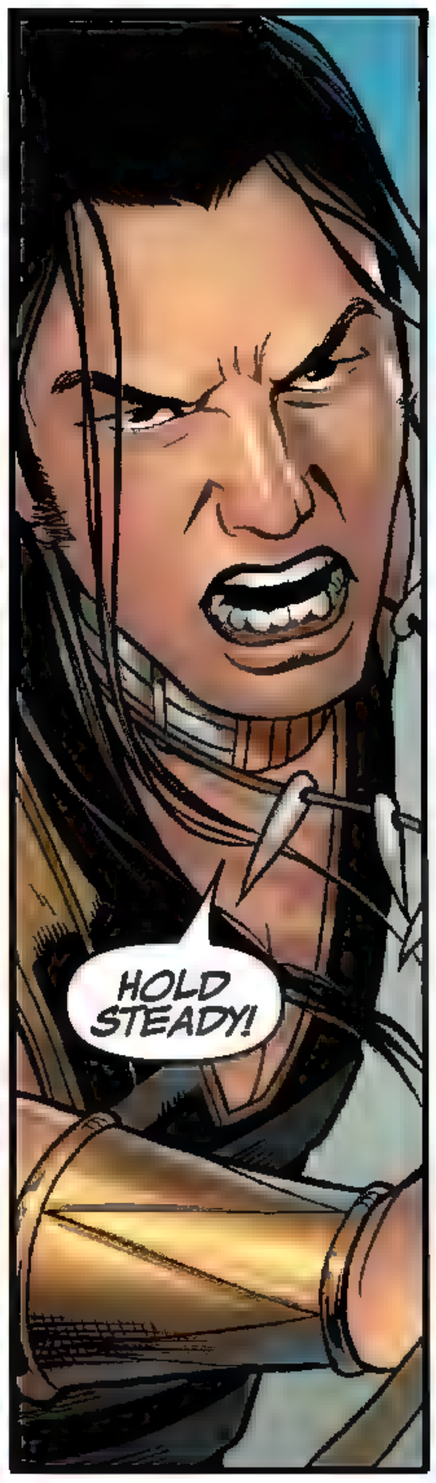

HOLD YOUR FIRE!
HE'S GOT HIMSELF POSITIONED TOO WELL--WE'RE JUST WASTING AMMO.
KOZLOWSKI, YOU AND TOBEY TAKE THE LAST JEEP--BEFORE HE BLOWS IT UP--AND CIRCLE AROUND WIDE. COME AT HIM FROM BEHIND.
I'VE DONE SOME NOT-SO-GOOD THINGS IN MY LIFE.

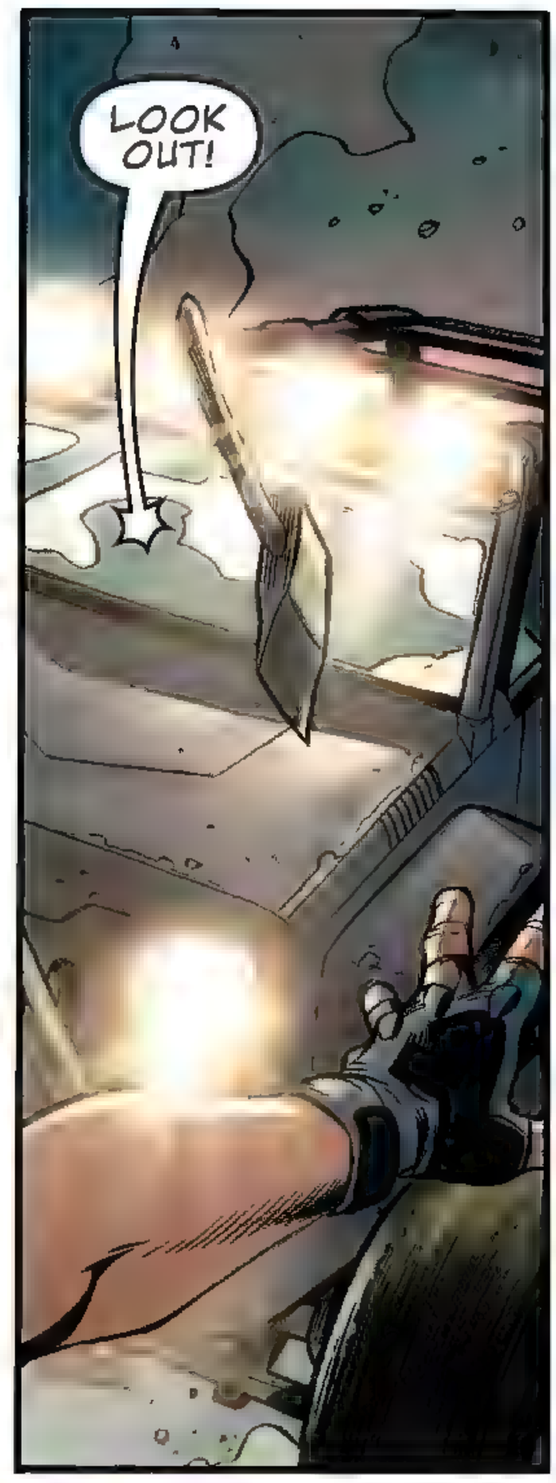
WE'RE ON IT!
HELPING BANNER KILL HIMSELF...


I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS GUY IS...BUT IF MR. BECKAR DIDN'T WANT TO QUESTION HIM...
...THAT MIGHT BE THE WORST OF THE NOT-SO-GOOD THINGS.

AFTER WE CIRCLE AROUND, I SAY WE "ACCIDENTALLY" SHOOT THIS GUY IN THE HEAD.
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
THAT MIGHT JUST BE THE DEMON THAT HAUNTS ME THE MOST.
LOOK OUT!
WHAT THE &%$#?!
IT'S DEFINITELY WHAT I'VE BEEN RUNNING FROM.

IT'S WHAT LED ME HERE
IT'S WHAT'S DRIVING ME TO DO THE THINGS I'M DOING
AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S WHAT'S GONNA GET ME KILLED

HOLD ON TIGHT!
SKREEECH

HOLD STEADY!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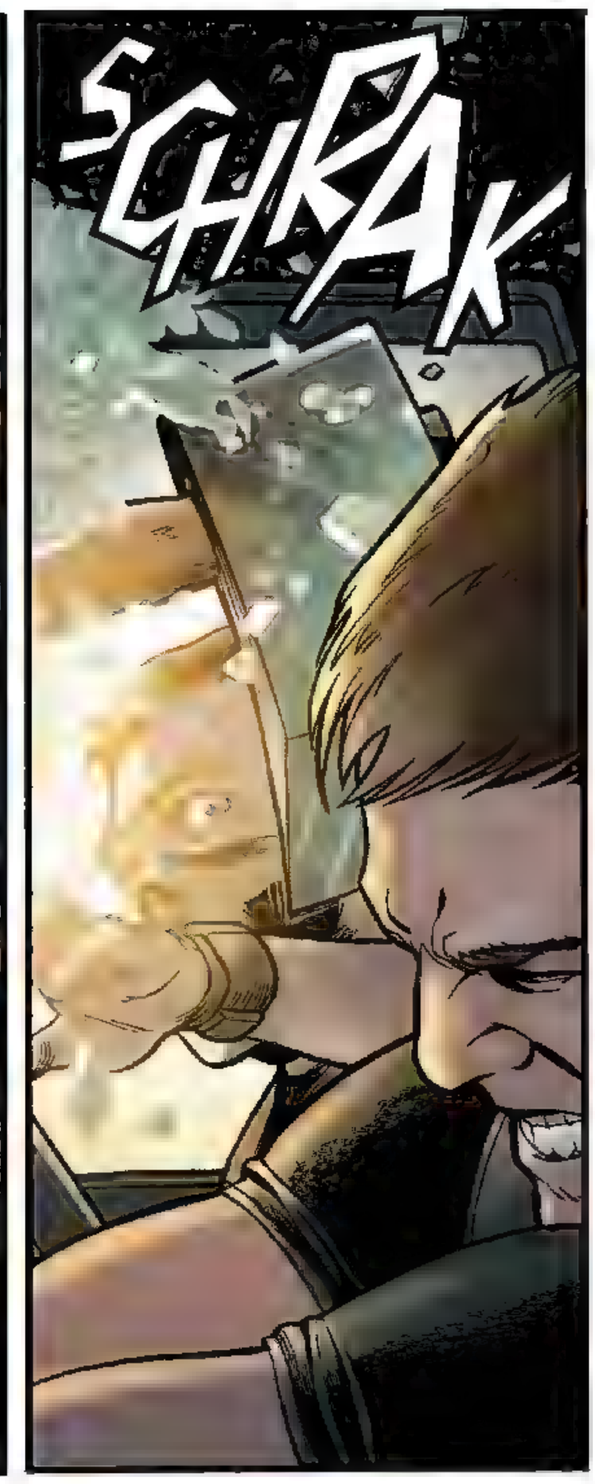
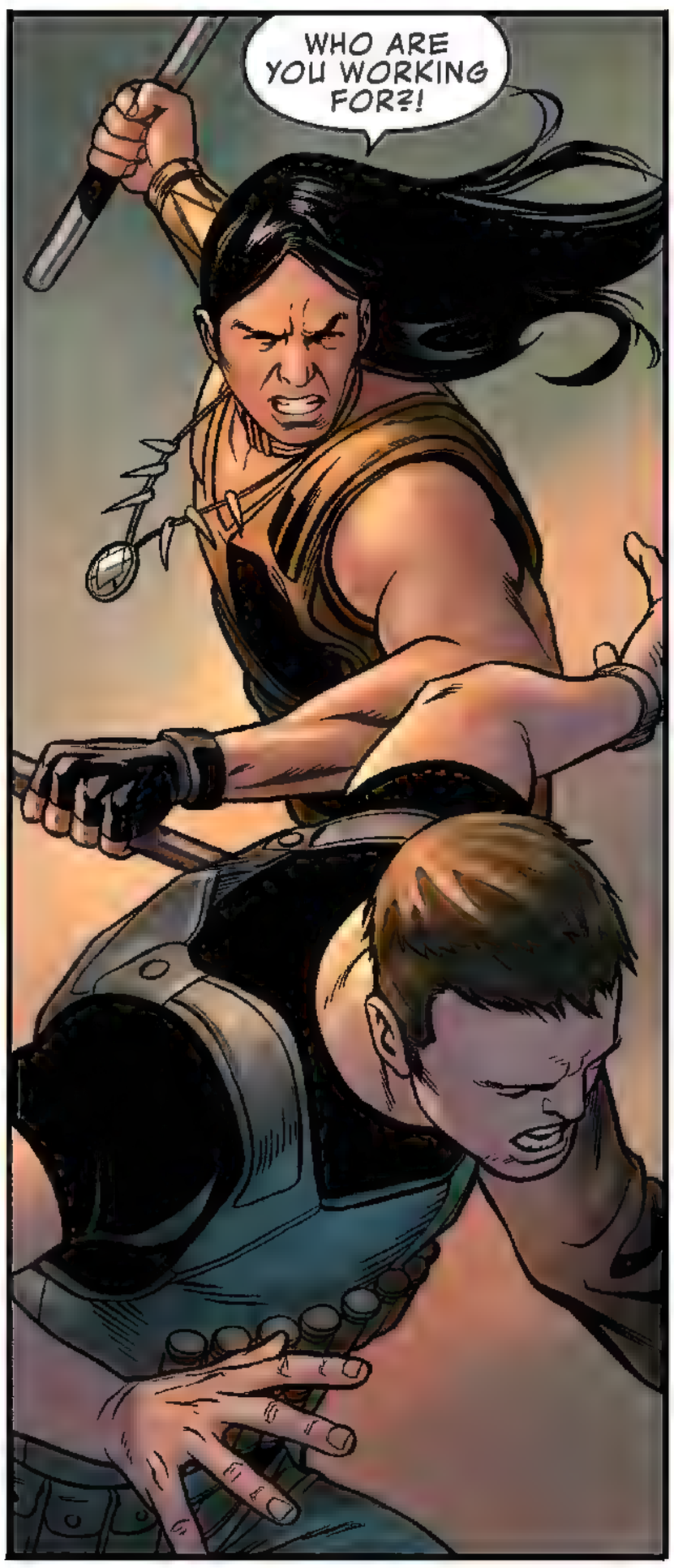

SCHRAK

KAKRASH
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
GO CHECK THAT OUT--I'M CALLING IN FOR BACKUP.
WE'VE GOT A SITUATION IN SECTOR SEVEN--TELL MORRIE TO GET DOWN HERE!

YOU ARE TRESPASSING ON TRIBAL LAND!
OH, YEAH?!
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TRIBAL LAND...

...AND SHOVE IT!

WHERE THE HELL IS MORRIE?!


WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?!

DON'T FIRE--YOU MIGHT HIT DANNY!

AIIIE!

I'M READY TO FACE MY DEMONS— TO ANSWER FOR ALL MY SINS

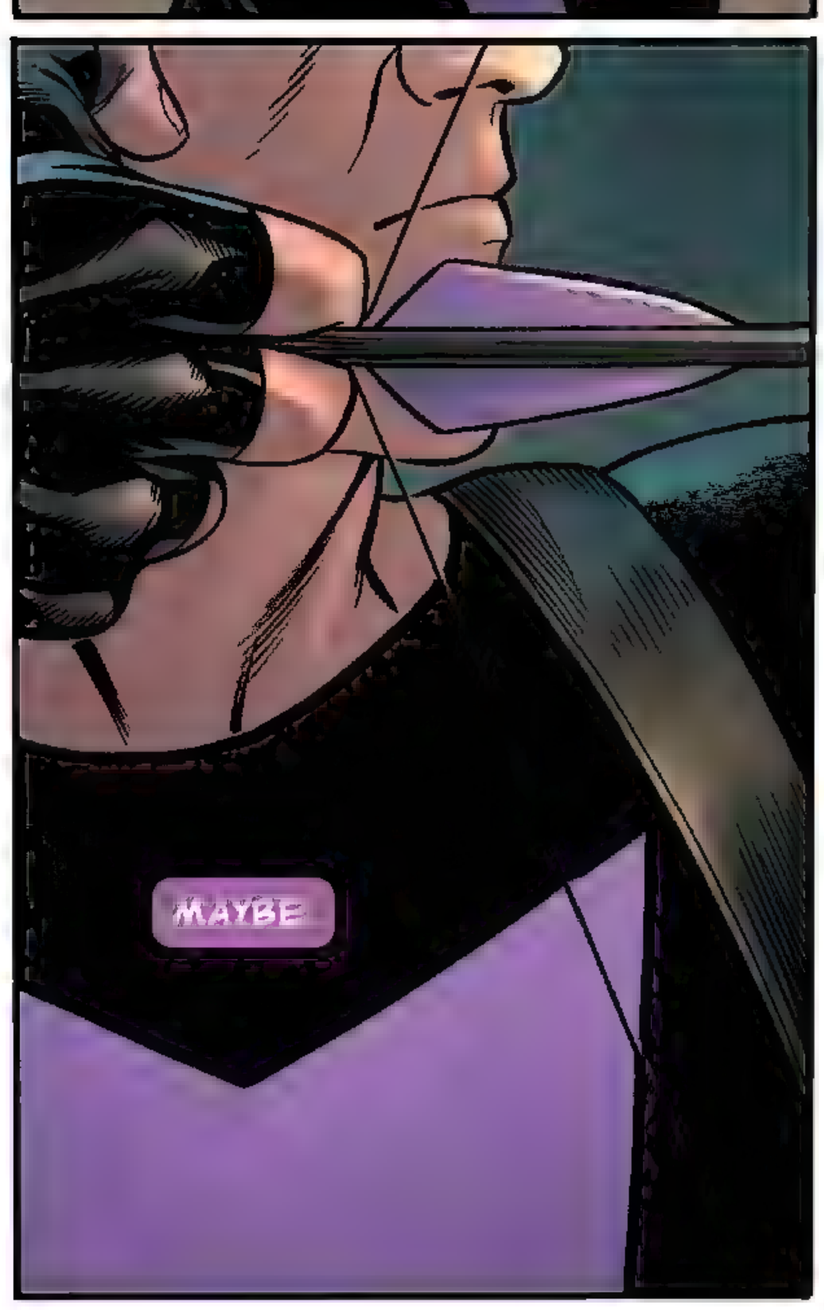
BUT THERE'S A GUARDIAN ANGEL WITH OTHER PLANS...

..WHICH MEANS THIS ISN'T MY TIME TO DIE.

IT'S MY TIME TO FIGHT

I CAN'T DIE. NOT AGAIN. AND DEFINITELY NOT NOW.

MAYBE I'M MEANT FOR MORE THAN BEING REMEMBERED AS THE GUY WHO KILLED THE HULK.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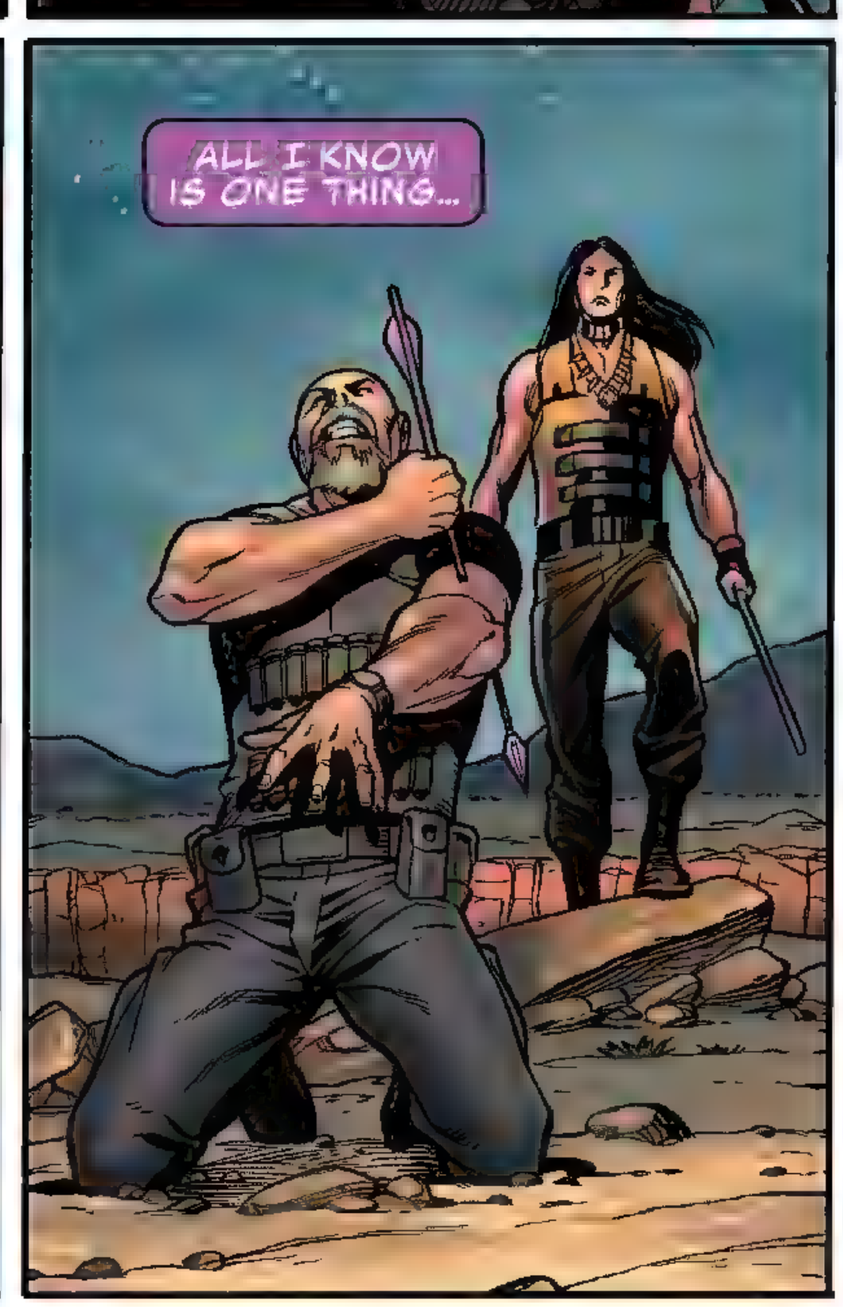
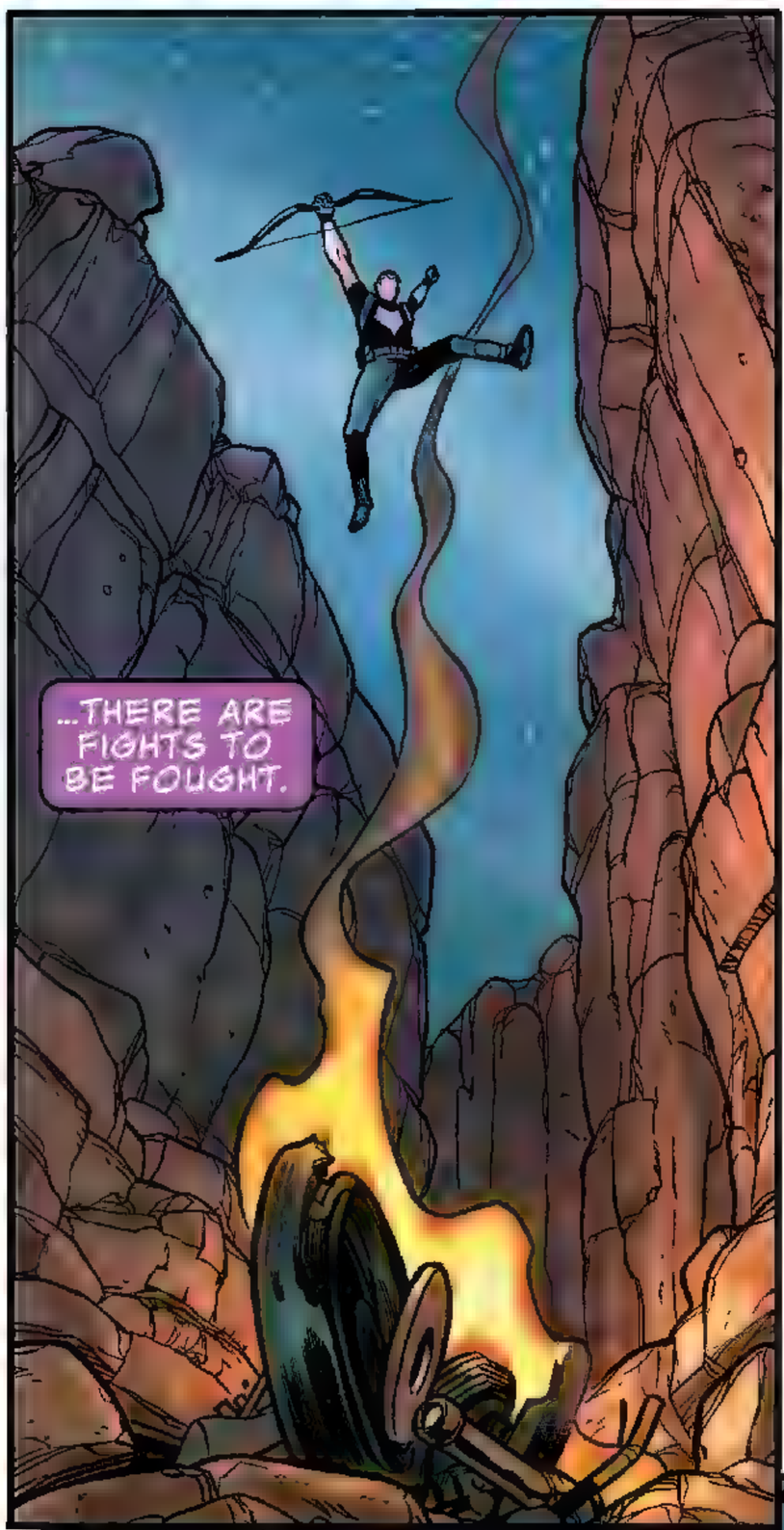
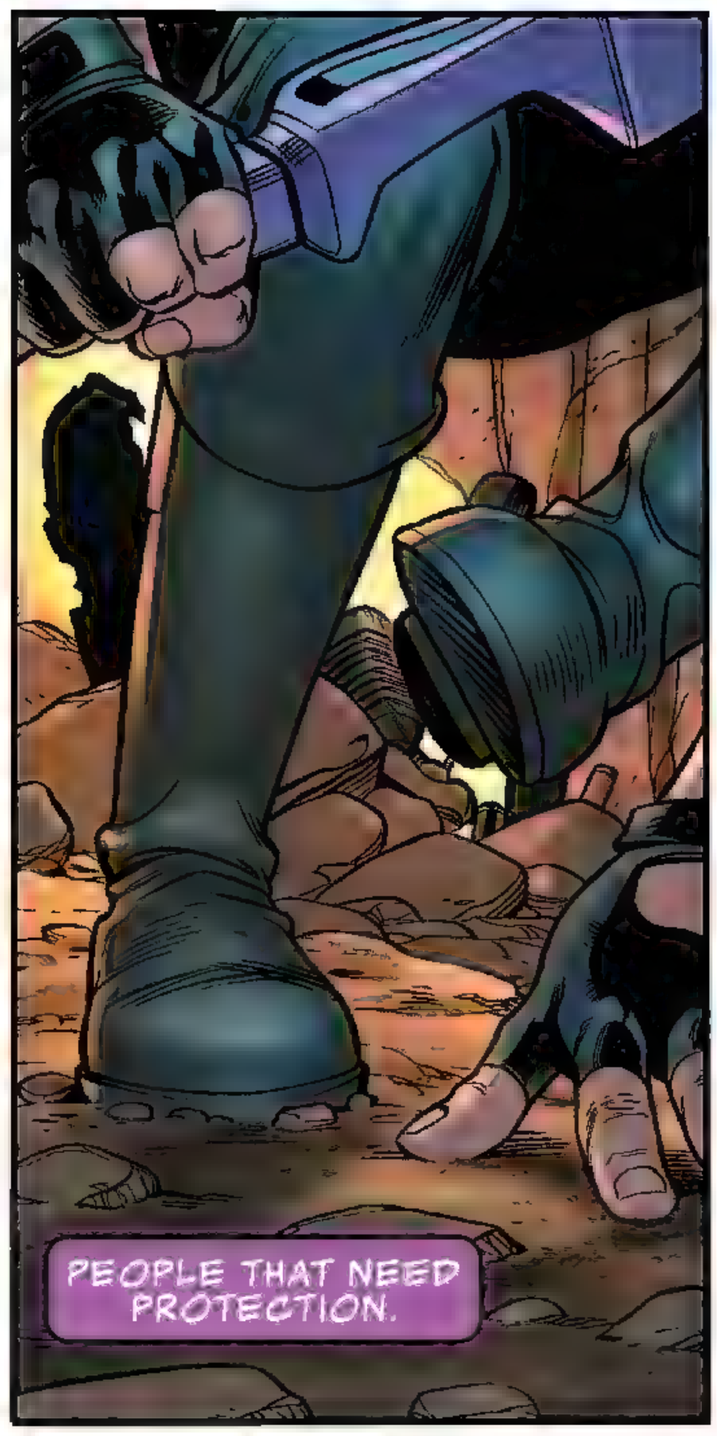

ALL I KNOW IS ONE THING...

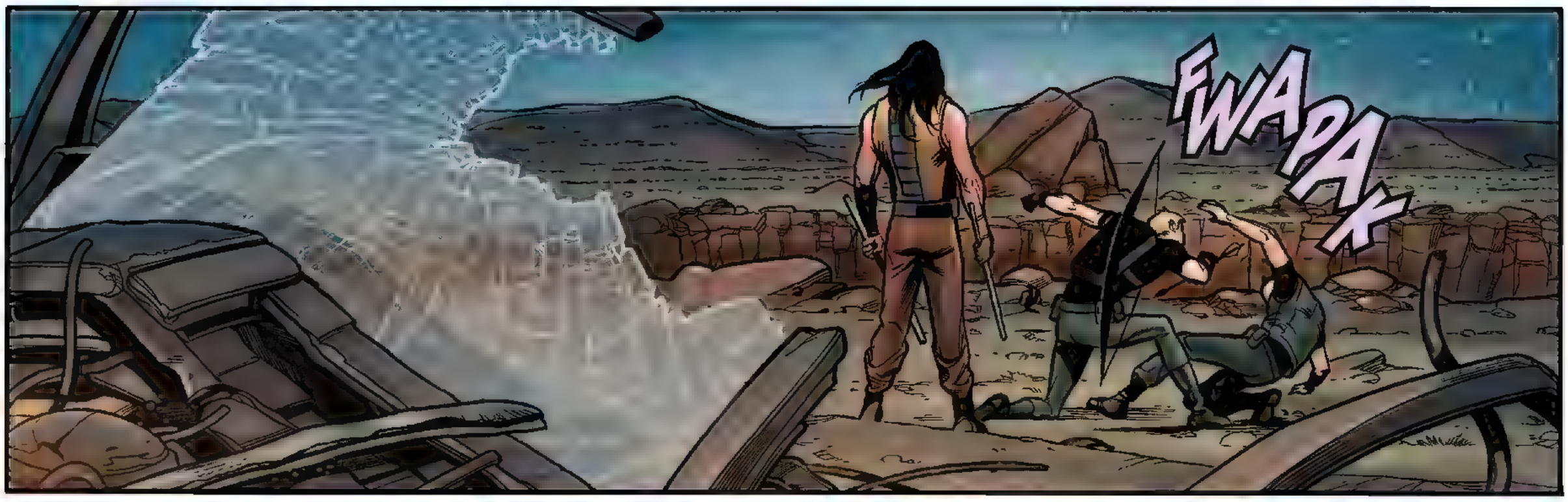


KNEW THAT I'D DO WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.

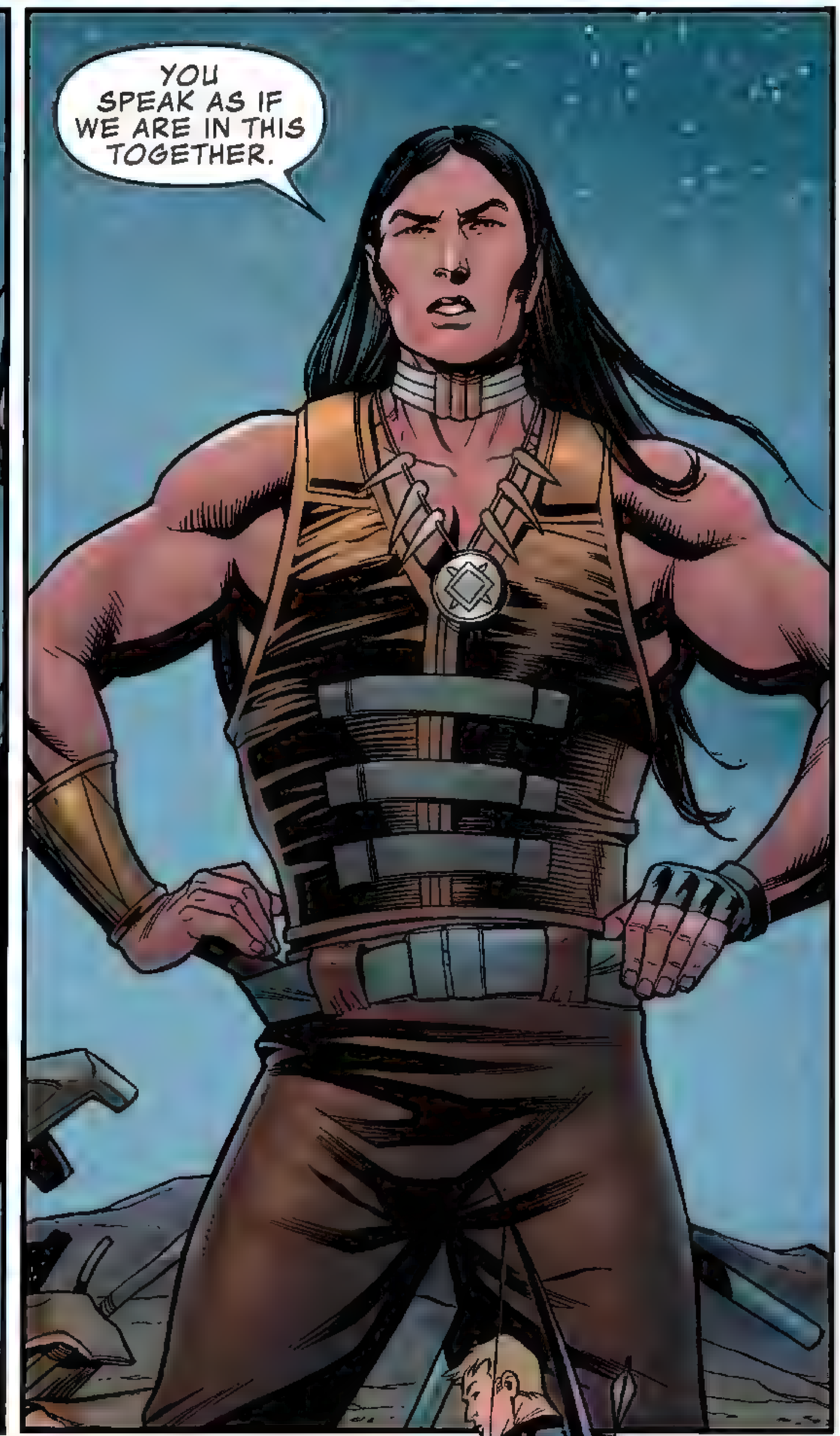
THIS IS TRIBAL LAND. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HEY, BUDDY-- YOU'RE GOING ABOUT THAT ALL WRONG.


FWAPAK

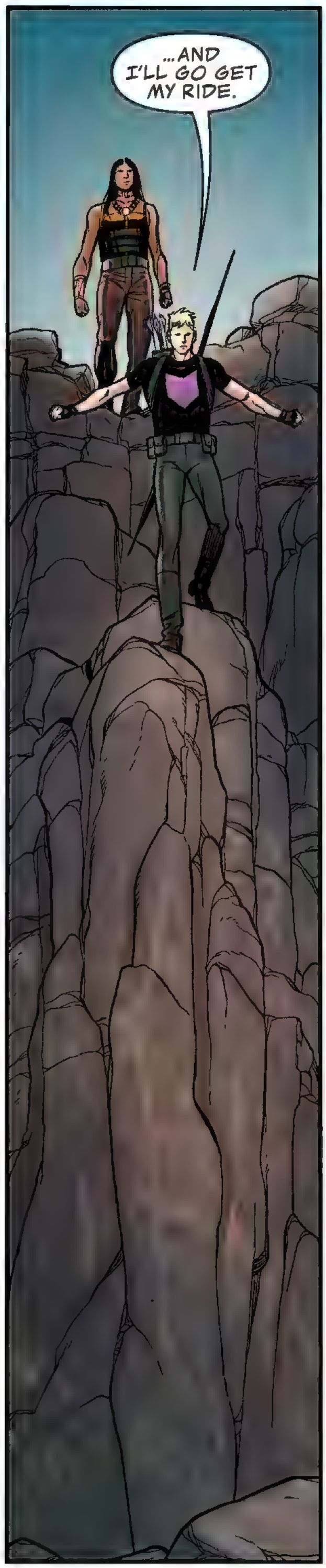
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?! THERE WAS INFORMATION TO BE HAD.
YOU KIDDIN' ME?
GUYS LIKE THAT NEVER TALK. HE'D JUST SWEAR AT US AND CALL US NAMES--AND THAT WOULD HURT OUR FEELINGS. SO... YOU KNOW...

...I KNOCKED HIM OUT FOR BOTH OF OUR SAKES.
SPEAKING OF *US*--WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEIR BACKUP GETS HERE. GUYS LIKE THIS *ALWAYS* CALL IN BACKUP.

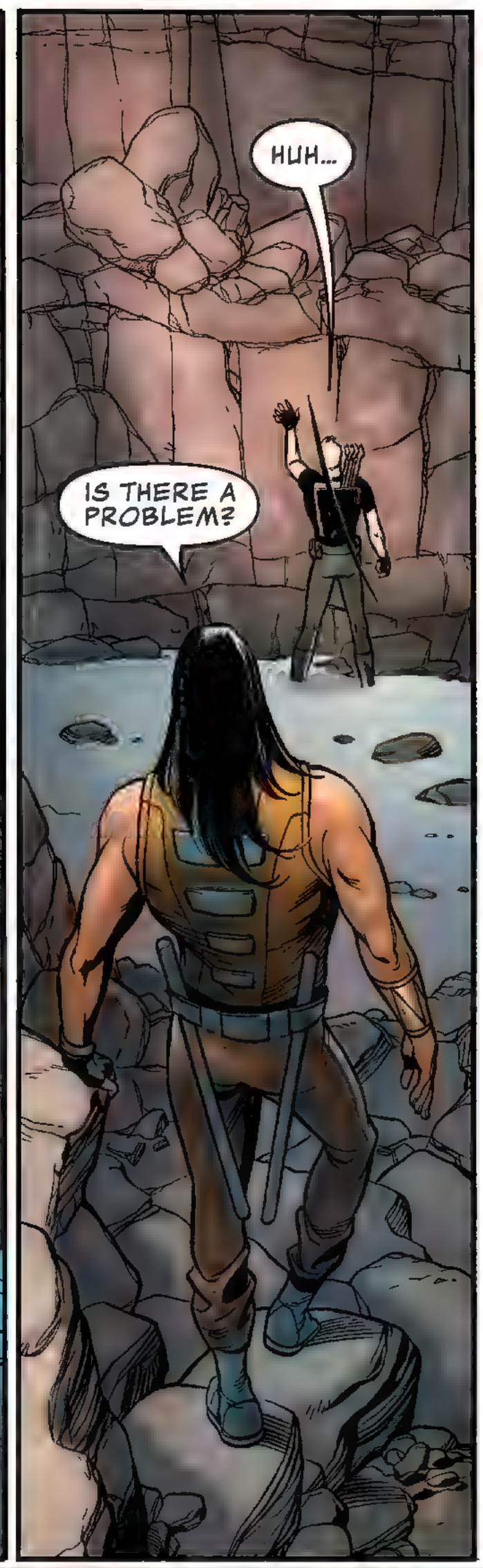

YOU SPEAK AS IF WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.

AND YOU SPEAK LIKE YOU GRADUATED FROM DR. CHUMLEY'S SCHOOL OF PROPER DICTION AND GRAMMAR.
BUT BEYOND THAT...

...WE *ARE* IN THIS TOGETHER. YOU SAVED ME FROM THESE JOKERS.
SO GO GET YOUR HORSE...


...AND I'LL GO GET MY RIDE.

KERSPLASH


HUH...
IS THERE A PROBLEM?

YEAH. THE RIVERBED...
...IT WAS DRY JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO.

SO WHERE DID THIS WATER COME FROM?

ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT THE RIVERBED WAS DRY?
POSITIVE.
SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON...

SPLASH
OH, HEY...IT'S YOU...
CAN'T REMEMBER... IS YOUR NAME RAIN MAN, OR WET WILLY?
THE NAME'S HYDRO-MAN!
YOUR NAME IS OF--
UNNGH!
YOU OKAY?
YOU SHOULD BE ASKING YOURSELF THAT.

BUT I ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER!
TO BE CONTINUED...

# NEXT:

# WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!

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